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SENATE RESOLUTION 51
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A RESOLUTION To direct the Tennessee Department of Agriculture to evaluate issues associated with the large-scale breeding of dogs for commercial purposes in Tennessee and to recommend appropriate policies and adjustments in programs to satisfactorily address such matters.

WHEREAS, The Senate recognizes that the economic value of dogs should not be a basis or incentive for the inhumane treatment of such animals; and

WHEREAS, The Senate supports and encourages the responsible, humane breeding of dogs for commercial purposes; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Department of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture are responsible for implementing state and federal regulations relative to the management of breeding facilities for dogs and other pets; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That the Tennessee Department of Agriculture is hereby directed to carefully examine the various issues associated with the large-scale

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breeding of dogs for commercial purposes in Tennessee and to recommend appropriate policies and adjustments in programs to satisfactorily address such matters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commissioner of Agriculture is directed to convene an advisory committee to assist in the examination of such issues, to include two representatives from dog breeders associated with a recognized Tennessee Kennel Club, one member of a certified not-for-profit [501(c)(3)] humane society organization, one individual active in animal advocacy and education efforts associated with animal advocacy, one member from the Animal Control Association of Tennessee, one member from the Tennessee Farm Bureau, and one representative from the United States Department of Agriculture associated with administration of the federal Animal Welfare Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the members of the committee shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Senate from a list of nominees submitted by the Chairman of the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Agriculture shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate Environment and Conservation Committee no later than October 1, 2001.